

**REMARKS**

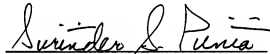
Claims 1-42 were presented in the application as filed on February 17, 2004 and claims 1-23 were canceled in a Preliminary Amendment concurrently filed. Group I (claims 24-34 and 42) were elected in a Response filed December 6, 2006. Claims 27 and 28 were amended and claims 35-41 were canceled in a Response filed December 17, 2007. Claims 33, 34, and 42 were canceled in a Response filed on September 25, 2008. Claims 24-32 are pending. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims pending herein are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

The present Response includes an affidavit that was not included with the Response filed on September 25, 2008.

There being no other outstanding issues, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned agent invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

***Respectfully submitted,***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Surinder S. Punia", written over a horizontal line.

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